

VIRGINIA WINS THE DEBT CASE.

Morally Certain That Sister State Will Turn Over to Virginia Treasury at Least a Million Dollars in Real Money

The United States Supreme Court at Washington on Monday decided that West Virginia must pay Virginia \$7,182,000. This terminates the famous and long-standing State debt case. The question of interest was left open by the court.

If the estimate of Attorney General Williams, former Attorney General William A. Anderson and other State officials prove correct, Virginia will get from one-fifth to one-sixth of the \$7,182,000, which, according to Monday's ruling of the United States Supreme Court of Appeals, West Virginia must pay as her pro rata share of the Virginia-West Virginia debt.

It may be that an even larger recovery will be had on arrears of interest, for the \$7,182,000 is supposed to represent principal alone. Inasmuch as the gigantic debt has been running since 1861, some idea of the vast accumulations of interest may be gained.

As yet none of the State officials know the exact wording of the decision, and hence it is too early to speculate as to what the exact amount of the recovery will be. But, as Colonel Mulberry Sellers would say, "there's millions in it."

It appears from information gained by Major William A. Anderson that the court has referred the matter of interest to a master, who may be required to work some weeks before he reaches final conclusions as to West Virginia's indebtedness in this respect.

It is not unreasonable to assume, however, that the arrearages of interest may make vastly more than the principal, especially if it is computed on a 6 per cent basis. Indeed, there are some who think it might amount to at least three times the principal.

State Constitution No Protection.

In the corporation court of Lynchburg Monday, Judge Frank P. Christian handed down his decision in favor of the "wets" in the local option election contest. In his decision, which was quite lengthy one, Judge Christian takes the ground that there was no proof adduced or charge made that there was any fraud in the recent election. He admits that there was "gross ignorance and negligence" on the part of the registrars, but that there was nothing to show that the will of the people, except in two instances, where two negroes had been improperly registered, had not been fairly and fully expressed. It is not probable that the saloons will open before May 1.

No appeal will be taken by the "drys" from Judge Christian's decision. As a result of the decision, however, Howard D. Johnson, one of the registrars, under fire during the contest and who was severely criticised by Judge Christian, has resigned from the position and J. R. Tucker, a son of Bishop Tucker, has been appointed in his place. It is expected other resignations will follow. Comment now in Lynchburg is chiefly on the situation which the decision presents with regard to suffrage.

The fact that registrars confessedly violated the Constitution and that judges were employed directly against the express provisions of that instrument has, it is believed by many, swept aside the force of the whole suffrage restrictions of the fundamental law, while the decision in holding that the acts of registrars could not be reviewed by either the court or the election judges is believed to open the way not only to innocent negligence of the law, but to fraud.

News of Cove Creek.

Cove Creek, Va., March 7.

Miss Rolly Fox was visiting here Sunday last.

S. W. Good made a business trip to Tazewell last week.

Miss Bessie Daugherty began school at Stowersville last Monday.

Miss Ida Waldron, of Roanoke, Va., is visiting friends at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gregory visited Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Neel recently.

Miss Octava Massey, of Maxwell, is visiting Mrs. Goe near this place.

Rev. S. W. Good filled his regular appointment at the Baptist church last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Crabtree were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fox last Sunday.

Misses Barnes and Stella Neel and Mary Gregory were the guests of Miss Dott Gregory last Friday.

Miss Maggie Walker, who had been visiting relatives here, returned to her home at Hicksville Saturday.

Misses Dott Gregory, Ida Waldron and Mary Gregory spent Friday night with Misses Stella and Barnes Neel.

Fertilizers and Bone Meals.

We are getting in our spring fertilizers and bone meals. Don't buy until we have an opportunity to make you prices.

The Tazewell Supply Co.

News of Tannersville.

Tannersville, Va., Nov. 8.

Rev. Dame preached at this place last Sunday.

The school at this place closed Tuesday last.

Mrs. Andy Necessary visited her parents here Sunday.

Miss Carrie Hilt returned home from Rocky Gap last week.

J. C. Taylor was the guest of friends in Thompson Valley Sunday.

J. R. Gildersleeve is dividing the land of the late A. P. French this week.

Mrs. William Taylor is quite ill. Her many friends hope for her recovery.

The stock called at the home of Edward Barrett last week leaving a fine boy.

Mrs. John Shrader, of Asberry, visited her cousin Mrs. W. S. Taylor, last week.

L. H. Hilt has returned from Washington county where he went to buy a farm.

Patrick Hilt visited his son, Wm. Hilt, in Thompson Valley Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. John Shrader, of Pocahontas, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Taylor.

Mrs. John Myers, of Rich Valley, is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. A. S. Caldwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ellis, Mrs. John Shrader, Mrs. J. I. Hilt, Mrs. J. W. Earnest and Mr. J. W. Myers were visitors at the home of A. S. Caldwell last Sunday.

The stock visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Caldwell last Thursday and left two babies—an eight pound boy and a six pound girl. Mother and babies are doing well.

Messrs. J. W. Earnest and Ribern Patrick accompanied by their families left last Monday for Salem, Va., where they expect to take up their residence. They were also accompanied by Messrs. James Necessary, James Ritch and George Boyd.

What Congress Accomplished.

Out of the smoke of the closing battle in congress emerge these results of large interest:

POSITIVE RESULTS: Provision of \$3,000,000 for the fortification of the Panama canal. Provision for two new battleships. Recodification of the judicial code. Creation of forest preserves in the Southern Appalachian and White Mountains.

Providing for the construction of embassy and legation buildings abroad. Requiring the inspection of locomotive boilers.

NEGATIVE RESULTS: Failure of the Canadian reciprocity agreement and consequently an extra session, beginning April 4th.

Failure of the permanent tariff board bill, which passed the senate but was killed by a filibuster in the house.

Failure of the resolution to admit to statehood Arizona and New Mexico, killed by a filibuster in the senate.

Failure of the proposal to increase the rate of postage on the advertising sections of the large magazines; but a commission provided for to investigate the subject.

Failure of the resolution providing for the direct election of United States senators.

Failure of the general age pension bill.

Failure of act on Ballinger-Pinchot investigation report.

Failure to enact the ocean mail subsidy, passed by the senate alone.

Big Creek Items.

E. L. Baldwin was a pleasant visitor at the home of Geo. Joyce Sunday.

Miss Jettie Burke and brother, James, of Raven, visited friends here last week.

J. H. White has just completed the erection of a new store house at this place.

Frank White, who has been on the sick list for several days, is very much improved.

James Owl Smith has returned from Seaboard, where he had employment, and gone back to his old trade—fox hunting.

We regret to chronicle the death of Mrs. V. P. Elswick, of this place. She was a warm-hearted, generous Christian woman, and her passing will be mourned by a large circle of friends.

N. & W. Coal Rates Under Fire.

The Norfolk and Western was the first of the West Virginia coal rate cases to be taken up by the Interstate Commerce Commission sitting in Washington last Monday. All roads carrying West Virginia coal to the lakes have advanced the freight rates nine cents a ton. Complaint by the West Virginia operators caused the suspension of this rate by the Interstate Commerce Commission pending an investigation of the increased charges which, if allowed to stand, the operators claim, will practically prohibit them shipping to the lakes. All the cases will be heard in turn by the Commission, which will probably require several weeks.

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POUNDING MILL NEWS.

Items Gathered by Our Correspondent About People Down the Clinch.

Pounding Mill, Va., March 8th.

J. L. Gass, of Laurel Fork, is visiting relatives here.

Leonard Spratt, of Richlands, was visiting here Sunday.

A protracted prayer meeting is being held at the church of God here.

Miss Effie Williams spent Saturday and Sunday here with homefolks.

Mrs. Robert Graham, of Bandy, visited friends here Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. John Asbury attended the entertainment at Cedar Bluff on last Saturday night.

Miss Sayers, of Springville, spent the week-end with her sister, Miss Grace, at this place.

John Asbury has returned from a business trip to various points in Tennessee and elsewhere.

Miss Barbara Hurt made her usual trip home from the Tazewell High School Saturday.

Mrs. Gus Hoops, Misses Georgie Harris and Cora Wilson were shopping in Tazewell Friday.

Miss Cora Christian visited homefolks last week. She was accompanied by Miss Myrtle Neil.

Mrs. Frank Wilson has gone to Coeburn to join her husband, who is night operator at Toms Creek.

Mrs. Mary O'Keefe, of Tazewell, was here last week visiting her daughter, Mrs. R. K. Gillespie.

Miss Lettie Ringstaff has returned from a pleasant visit to her sister, Mrs. Wm. Mulkey, at Honaker.

F. M. Hurt, one of the clerks for Steele, Hurt & Co here, spent the week-end with homefolks at Witten's Mills.

Misses Pearl McGuire and Grace Williams spent from Friday till Monday at Cedar Bluff and Steelesburg respectively.

Miss Lyde McCall and Mrs. George McCall and baby, of Raven, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Gillespie at this place.

Tom and Charles Robinson, Tom Ringstaff, Bird Brewster and others of the N. & W. bridge force, spent Sunday at their homes here.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ringstaff and Wm. Cook, of this place, and Mrs. Kate Prutt, of Graham, have returned from a visit to Mrs. Jane Conley at Marytown, W. Va.

Wm. Robinson, of the well drilling force of the Norfolk and Western at Lambert's Point, has returned to that point after a short visit to relatives at this place.

Rev. G. R. Thomas, Mrs. Joseph Smith, Mrs. M. J. Sturgill and Clint Young attended the burial of Mrs. Katy Phipps at Jones' Chapel on Friday. She was the mother of W. L. C. Burke, of Big Creek, and past eighty years of age.

The following were visitors at the home of W. B. Steele the past week: Mrs. C. T. Fields, Mrs. J. E. McGuire, Cedar Bluff, Mrs. C. S. Faulkner, Tip-top; Misses Mayme and Hazel Wynn, Baptist Valley, and Mrs. R. H. McGraw, of Steelesburg.

To Honor Gildersleeve.

Johns Hopkins University and the people of Baltimore contemplate the founding of a classical library to bear the name of Basil Lanneau Gildersleeve in appreciation of that celebrated scholar's services at the University. The Baltimore Sun says:

"The average man knows little of this great master of the ancient languages, but in the society of scholars Dr. Gildersleeve occupies a place of eminence that no other living man has reached. His contributions to classical scholarship entitle him to any honor the people of Baltimore could give him."

Virginia also has an interest in this movement, for while Dr. Gildersleeve is not a native of the State, he spent many years at the University of Virginia as Professor of Ancient Languages.

Tazewell county will also feel a great interest in the movement to honor so great a scholar, as Dr. Gildersleeve is closely akin to many of our citizens.

Thompson Valley Items.

Joseph Young returned to his work Wednesday.

Mrs. Milly Medley was visiting Mrs. Dock Medley last Saturday.

Rev. J. R. King filled his regular appointment here Sunday afternoon.

Doak Matthews was the guest of his sister, Mrs. J. A. Puckett, Tuesday.

Miss Bessie Puckett visited Misses Eva and Laura Heptinstall last week.

Joseph Young has been on the sick list for several days, but is better now.

Miss Jennie Puckett was the guest of Misses Eliza and Caryl Harrison last Friday night.

Miss Maggie Young has gone to Marion where she has accepted a position in the hospital.

Landreth's Garden Seeds are burned at the close of each season, and the dealer is sent fresh stock instead and are therefore always fresh, and the BEST. At Boyer's.

WARLIKE ARE ARMY MOVEMENTS

Twenty Thousand Soldiers Rushed to Mexican Border While Formidable Warships Patrol Shore Line off the Texas Coast

Mystery surrounds the sudden issuance Tuesday night of orders to various army posts throughout the country to mobilize cavalry and infantry for immediate service along the Mexican border. At least thirty-five hundred coast artillerymen have been ordered to Galveston, Texas, while twenty thousand men all told will be rushed to the vicinity of Mexico.

A fleet of warships, comprising the flagship Tennessee, the Montana, North Carolina and Washington, all powerful armored cruisers of 14,500 tons displacement, under Rear-Admiral Staunton's command, have ordered to cruise off the Texas coast, close to the Mexican line.

In addition to the Tennessee, Montana, North Carolina and Washington, ordered from Hampton Roads, the ships of the Pacific fleet are being concentrated at San Diego and San Pedro, California, to co-operate with the army on the southwestern coast of the United States.

This is said by government officials to be preparatory to maneuvers on a grand scale in answer to the charge that the United States army and navy are not prepared for actual warfare and are lacking in every essential in making up a defensive force. The mobilizing of this vast army and fleet on a scale greater than ever before attempted in this country in time of peace, notwithstanding what the government officials say, has caused a general impression that matters in Mexico are fast nearing a crisis.

The military force will establish headquarters at San Antonio, under command of General Wm. H. Carter, assisted by several brigadier-generals who will command brigades into which the grand division will be divided. These brigades will be placed at strategic points throughout the Department of Texas.

W. H. Tomney Dead.

William H. Tomney died at the city hospital in Roanoke on last Thursday morning of a complication of diseases at the age of fifty years.

He had been in failing health a long time, but his condition was not regarded as at all serious until about six weeks ago. A native of Wytheville, Mr. Tomney learned the trade of a printer and worked at the case many years in Wytheville, Tazewell and other places. He established the Glade Spring Citizen. In recent years he had been traveling representative of the Roanoke Times and Lynchburg News, being with the latter paper when taken ill. While he was editing the Citizen in Glade Springs he was elected to the legislature and made a good record during his term of office.

He is survived by his wife and two children, four brothers and one sister. Thirty years ago Mr. Tomney worked for a time on the Clinch Valley News, edited by H. M. Smythe. He was, as representative of the Roanoke Times and Lynchburg News, a frequent visitor to this place, and was well thought of by all with whom he came in contact. He was an enterprising, pushing gentleman, a fluent writer, and had a host of friends throughout the entire South-west.

The funeral services were held at St. Andrew's Catholic church in Roanoke on Saturday morning, conducted by Rev. Father Collins, and interment was at his boyhood home in Wytheville.

Teachers' Meeting in Tazewell

The Jeffersonville District Teachers' Association met in the Tazewell High School auditorium Saturday last at 10 a. m. Prof. T. S. Napier, of North Tazewell, presided.

There was a lively and enthusiastic discussion of the questions on the program, viz: "Shorter Hours for Daily Sessions" and "Decoration of School Houses and Grounds."

In addition to a number of teachers the Division Superintendent and Rev. W. W. Carson, principal of the High School, were present and took part in the discussion.

Senator Joseph W. Bailey added to the excitement and to extraordinary episodes surrounding the adjournment of the Sixty-first Congress Saturday by resigning his office as senator from the State of Texas and a few hours later withdrawing his resignation. Angered by the attitude of his Democratic colleagues in favoring the resolution approving the new constitution of Arizona, to whose radical features Mr. Bailey had asserted his undying opposition, he wrote his resignation and took it to the vice-president with the request that he announce it to the Senate. Mr. Sherman declined to have anything to do with it; Senator Bacon, importuned in like manner to announce it, took a similar position. Thereupon the Texan telegraphed it to Governor Colquitt, of Texas, who promptly refused to accept it.

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FREESTONE ITEMS.

Items of Interest to Our Readers Briefly Told by Our Correspondent.

Asberry, Va., March 7.

Mrs. S. P. Goodman is very ill at her home here.

The roads are in a bad condition in this section.

Rev. Dame preached an excellent sermon here Sunday.

Mrs. Mattie Brooks spent Sunday at the home of S. P. Goodman.

Wm. Goodman visited relatives at Broadford Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Wm. Goodman spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. D. C. Church.

Mrs. P. S. Ellis returned from a visit to her daughter at Big Creek Friday.

Misses Mollie and May Vanhoozier spent Saturday night with Miss Fannie Edmonds.

Misses Mollie and May Vanhoozier spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. James Vanhoozier.

D. C. Church has sold his farm here to Birt Boyd. Mr. Church will locate at Tazewell.

Misses Maggie Shrader and Della Asberry spent Sunday afternoon at the home of W. T. Cregger.

Dr. and Mrs. W. O. Neal were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Preston Vanhoozier Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Neal and daughter, Miss Leola, were the guests of Misses Lena and May Correll Sunday.

Miss Pearl Asberry went to Farmville Friday to spend a few days with her cousin, Mrs. Will Taylor, who is very sick.

Sam Sutherland, of the Quigley Furniture Co., was looking after their interest at North Holston Friday and Saturday.

On Sunday as Robt. Neal was returning from church his horse became frightened and started to run and fell into one of our largest mudholes.

Seven Counties Failed to Apply.

Only seven of the hundred counties in Virginia failed to make application for State money aid for good roads for the year beginning March 1. That day was the last on which applications could be considered by the State highway commission, and these seven counties will get no money this year. Their part of the appropriation of \$200,000, with the revenue from automobile taxes added, will be divided among the other ninety-three.

The seven who did not want the money were: Gloucester, Middlesex, Mathews, Prince George, Greene, Buchanan and Nelson. The last named county had its reasons for not applying. They were caught in the receivership of the Virginia Safe Deposit and Trust Corporation, of Alexandria, and its branches. The county had about \$118,000 of its funds with this concern, and to make matters worse the treasurer was bonded with it.

This leaves but six counties apparently indifferent to State aid for good road building. Four of these—Gloucester, Prince George, Greene and Buchanan—have never used this fund. Gloucester and Mathews wrote the commission that they would not apply for aid.

One county more will get State aid this year than last, when ninety-two counties applied. The fund is larger, under the appropriation bill, by \$50,000 than for the year 1910.

Money in Chickens.

The old question, "Is there money in chickens?" has had many answers, from the cheerful advertiser who says you can make a living on a city lot to the sour-faced pessimist who will assure you that the only time you can get money out of a chicken is when you find a penny in the gizzard of a defunct fowl.

J. B. F. Gillespie, of North Tazewell, says, however, that there is money in game chickens, at least. He has quite a reputation as a breeder of game fowls and has calls for his chickens from all over the country. Since last Thanksgiving he has sold to one man, E. K. McKoon, of Ironton, Ohio, over \$100 worth of game roosters.

Mr. McKoon is an enthusiastic patron of the pit, and has one cock raised by Mr. Gillespie which he values at \$100. This cock in his first fight downed the eight-time winner of the prize pit, "Jesse James," and for this reason was named on the spot "Bob Ford."

Mr. Gillespie received an average price of ten dollars a cock for the untrained birds.

TAZEWELL HORSE AND MULE MARKET

Next Tuesday is Stallion Day. We have written a number of good buyers for all kinds of horses and we are looking forward to a big day.

We want to have a big parade and an old fashion sale day.

C. J. Moss, Sec'y.

Teachers' Meeting at Pocahontas.

Pocahontas, Va., March 6.

The Clear Fork District Teachers' Meeting was held in the auditorium of Pocahontas High School March 4th.

The program for the day began with devotional exercises by Rev. Chas. W. Sydnor, rector of the Episcopal church. Then followed one of the most enjoyable features of the day—two violin selections by Father Anthony, of St. Elizabeth Catholic church, accompanied on the piano by Miss Sallie Fitzgerald, of the Pocahontas High School. After which the following topics were very creditably discussed:

"School Management and Discipline, Their Value to a School."

"How Discipline Concerns the Individual Pupil."

"How Discipline Concerns the Parent."

"Class Room Management for Primary Grades."

"Discipline in the High School."

"Things a Teacher Ought to Do for a Community."

"The Advantages of the Departmental System from the Fifth Grade Through the High School."

"How to Present Language in the Third and Fourth Grades."

"How to Conduct a Pupils Literary Society Under the Supervision of the Teachers."

"Effective Ways of Keeping School Yard Neat and Clean."

"The Necessity of Proper Ventilation in the School Room and How Obtained."

All of the papers were good and showed professional as well as educational spirit.

Besides the teachers present were the members of the town school board.

The social hour was very much enjoyed by all who attended the meeting.

This was the first teachers' meeting held in Pocahontas and was pronounced a success both socially and educationally.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Mrs. J. H. Crockett and daughter, Miss Georgie, left Tuesday for their new home in Middleborough, Ky. The best wishes of a host of friends go with them.

Mrs. B. W. Stras and Miss Mayola Gillespie returned Monday from an extended trip to Baltimore and other eastern cities. Mr. Stras, who had been visiting his son, Beverly, at Winston-Salem, N. C., joined them at Roanoke.

This weather makes you think of rain protection. We have rain coats, slickers, capes, etc. Call and get one to keep out the rain.

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Through an amendment to the post-office appropriation bill, offered by Senator Swanson and adopted, rural letter carriers throughout the country will hereafter be entitled to thirty days' leave of absence each year, with full pay. At present they are entitled to but fifteen days.

Wild geese have been heard by several of our people in the past few days on their way to the Northland—an almost sure presage of early spring, for seldom is it that there is a heavy flight of geese northward before the end of severe weather. They are supposed to know instinctively when the worst of winter is over.